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TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached are the report of key GROW statistics for March 2002 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 882 GROW participants in jobs during the month of March. A total of 26,015 participants have found jobs.

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Attachments

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GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)

MARCH 2002

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF- INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS)
2002	Scheduled	Showed	Scheduled	Showed	Completions (1)		Ongoing Enrollments
March	5,629	3,635 (65%)	1,821	978 (54%)	853	882	966

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS	GROW CASELOAD	SANCTIONS
2002	Scheduled	Showed	Started	Completions	(2)		
March	467	346 (74%)	83	10	174	46,020	870

Note:

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

GROW UPDATE MARCH 2002

JOB PLACEMENTS

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 26,015 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- On 3/4, Lancaster GROW held an employer recruitment day with Allied International Credit. Of the 34 participants in attendance, four have been hired thus far. Also, on 3/12, 100 participants attended the Daily News Career Fair 2002 held at the Holiday Inn in Valencia.
- Civic Center GROW participated in two job fairs during the month of March. On 3/14, 300 participants attended the Employment Resource Expo held at the Metro Special GROW site, and six participants have been hired thus far. On 3/28, the Union Rescue Mission sponsored a Sowing the Seeds of Success job fair that was attended by 500 participants.
- Pasadena GROW held employer recruitments on 3/2 and 3/6 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and UPS. Over 240 participants attended these events.
- San Gabriel Valley GROW held employer recruitment days on 3/14 and 3/28 with MTA and Staffmark. Of the 40 participants who attended these events, two have been hired, with four possible additional placements still pending.
- Southwest Special held an on-site recruitment on 3/19 with Volt Services with 88 participants in attendance.
- On 3/6, 3/14, 3/22, 3/25 and 3/27, San Fernando GROW held on-site employer recruitment days with 20/20 Recycling, Goodwill Industries, ISA and Teletech. Over 50 participants attended these activities and three have been hired thus far.
- Glendale GROW held an on-site employer recruitment on 3/6 with Employment Guide that was attended by 21 participants.
- Pomona GROW held employer recruitment activities on 3/7 and 3/22 with 20/20 Recycling and Wal-Mart. Over 100 participants attended these activities.
- As mentioned above, on 3/14, Metro Special GROW, in conjunction with Chicana Services and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, held the on-site Employment Resource Expo. Additionally, employer recruitment activities were held on 3/12 and 3/21 with First Transit, Laidlaw and Thomas Staffing. Over 20 participants attended the latter recruitment activities and five have been hired to date.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- On 3/4, the Metro-King site was opened to provide GROW services to participants residing in zip codes 90011, 90037 and 90062. All GROW services are provided at this new site, including Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class.